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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated June 21, 2001 and having a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 21, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed), stated that the amendment filed on 6/13/01 was considered non-compliant because it did not include a clean version of the replacement paragraph/section (37 CFR 1.121(B)(1)(ii) and a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph/section (37 CFR 1.121(B)(1)(iii).

In response, applicants now submit a substituted amendment that includes: (1) a clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim with clear instructions for entry; (2) starting on a separate page, remarks; and (3) starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled "Version with markings to show changes made". Applicants believe that the substituted amendment is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.